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Montrose Chemical Corp. of Calif.  
P. O. Box 147,  
Torrance, California

March 3, 1953  
67 - Sewer Maint.  
Industrial Waste  
Disposal

Attention: Mr. A. R. Wilcox

Gentlemen:

Industrial waste disposal from your chemical plant located at 20101 South Normandie Avenue into an adjacent drainage ditch has been the subject of numerous and continuing complaints from nearby residents and from the County Engineer.

Investigation by my representative discloses the fact that wastes of extremely low pH and containing toxic metallic salts have been thus discharged.

Satisfactory treatment of these wastes to meet State of California Regional Water Pollution Control Board requirements would be very costly and difficult to maintain. It is therefore believed that provisions should be made for their discharge into the new County sewer in or adjacent to Normandie Avenue.

It is necessary that you apply for and receive an industrial waste permit from this Bureau. Enclosed are copies of the application form for that purpose. A permit for connection to the Normandie Avenue sewer may be obtained from the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts.

Issuance of an industrial waste permit by this Bureau will be contingent upon your compliance with the following particulars:

- 1) The City industrial waste ordinance, copy of which is enclosed for your information;
- 2) The regulations of the Sanitation Districts;
- 3) Segregation and disposal of all chemically polluted or contaminated wastes into the sewer; and
- 4) Segregation and disposal of all uncontaminated storm waters into the drainage channel.

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It is believed that this unsatisfactory condition may be eliminated by prompt action, coupled with due diligence on your part to prevent overflows to the drainage channel pending construction of the new disposal facilities.

Please inform me concerning your plans and intentions, and state a time within which this matter may be concluded.

Yours truly,

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Encl.

W. A. SCHNEIDER  
Waste Disposal Engineer

cc: Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts  
cc: Mr. William J. Fox, County Engineer  
cc: Stauffer Chemical Corp. of Calif.